Danvers (Massachusetts) Contributory Retirement System ("System") is accepting proposals to provide US Small-Cap Value-Style Equity management for the System's \$143 million defined benefit pension plan. The estimated size of the mandate is \$9.0 million. The mandate's performance benchmark will be the Russell 2000 Value index. The Board is seeking only a separate-account format for this mandate. **Commingled funds or ETFs are not acceptable.** If the System elects to engage a provider for these services, it is anticipated the award would be made no later than October 29, 2021.

You may request a copy of the RFP by contacting Susan Little at slittle@danversma.gov.

Please note: phone calls will not be accepted. All questions must be submitted via e-mail.

The Board reserves the right to cancel or reject in whole or part any or all proposals in the best interest of the Retirement System. **Submission of RFP:** <u>Due on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 4:00</u>

<u>PM EST. Late proposals will not be accepted.</u> Please ensure adequate time for mailing and physical delivery. Proposals received after the deadline will be rejected.

Submit ONE complete hardcopy to:

Susan Little, Retirement Manager
Danvers Contributory Retirement System
1 Sylvan Street
Danvers, MA 01923

Please also submit one complete electronic file in PDF format to: slittle@danversma.gov

The Danvers Contributory Retirement System utilizes investment consulting services from Graystone Consulting. Please also submit one complete electronic file in PDF format to: isabelle.eckel@msgraystone.com

Important note: Please include two original signed sets of the required PERAC forms which include: (1) Vendor Contact Information (Form C-2281), (2) Vendor Certification (Form C-8135), (3) Vendor Disclosures (Compensation Paid and Received and Conflict of Interest) (Form C-0576) and (4) Placement Agent Statement (Form C-1034). All forms can be found at: http://www.mass.gov/perac/Investunit/forms.htm. Please include these forms as a separate attachment and do not bind them together within the proposal. Failure to submit completed and signed certifications as required will result in the disqualification and rejection of your proposal.

On the *outside* packaging, clearly note.

Danvers Contributory Retirement System RFP #1-2021 US Small-Cap Value-Style Equity Management